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For Immediate Release

The Washington County Health Department's Environmental Health Division has received a complaint from a Washington County restaurant owner that a woman purporting to be a "health inspector" visited his restaurant. The woman did not identify herself with proper identification nor did she indicate her place of work, refused to give her name to the restaurant owner, and left without providing an inspection report.

All Health Department employees conducting business while doing their jobs have photo identification that will be gladly presented for inspection upon request. Periodically there have been scams involving individuals posing as health department inspectors in which an attempt to get money from restaurant management is made. There was no attempt made to collect any money in this instance, however, everyone should remember that any Health Department employee will identify themselves appropriately whenever asked.

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